

LEGAL DESCRIPTION:

Lincoln Parks & Recreation Department requests landmark designation (in accord with LMC 27.57.120) of the Muny Building located on Antelope Park south of 23rd and N Streets, on land legally described a tract of land composed of a portion of Outlot "I", Antelope Valley 2nd Addition, located in the northeast 1/4 of Section 25, Township 10 North, Range 6 East of the 6th P.M. City of Lincoln, Lancaster County, Nebraska, and more particularly described as follows:

Commencing at the northwest corner of said Outlot "I", said point also being the northeast corner of Lot 2, Block 7, Antelope Valley 2nd Addition, thence east, along the north line of said Outlot "I", on an assumed bearing of south 89 degrees, 40 minutes, 06 seconds east, a distance of 59.47 feet to a north corner of said Outlot "I"; thence south 43 degrees, 50 minutes, 15 seconds east, along a northeast line of said Outlot "I", a distance of 176.86 feet to the point of beginning; thence continuing south 43 degrees, 50 minutes, 15 seconds east, along said northeast line, a distance of 91.44 feet to an east corner of said Outlot "I", said point being a point of non-tangent curvature; thence around a curve in a clockwise direction, having a delta angle of 33 degrees, 20 minutes, 17 seconds, a radius of 60.00 feet, a chord bearing of south 27 degrees, 13 minutes, 02 seconds east, along said northeast line, a chord distance of 34.42 feet to an east corner of said Outlot "I"; thence south 10 degrees, 28 minutes, 03 seconds east, along an east line of said Outlot "I", a distance of 26.57 feet to an east corner of said Outlot "I"; thence north 89 degrees, 39 minutes, 35 seconds east, along a north line of said Outlot "I", a distance of 18.52 feet to an east corner of said Outlot "I"; thence south 00 degrees, 07 minutes, 43 seconds east, along an east line of said Outlot "I", a distance of 109.19 feet to the southeast corner of said Outlot "I"; thence north 89 degrees, 35 minutes, 22 seconds west, along the south line of said Outlot "I", a distance of 167.62 feet to a point; thence north 00 degrees, 21 minutes, 01 seconds east, a distance of 167.44 feet to a point; thence north 45 degrees, 21 minutes, 01 seconds east, a distance of 89.85 feet to the point of beginning.

Approved:

City Council _____
(date)

PRESERVATION GUIDELINES FOR
Municipal Pool House/Muny Building
On Antelope Park South of 23rd & N Streets

1. **Architectural Review of Landmark:**

- a. Photographs: On file in Planning Department.
- b. Important architectural features:
Exterior: One-story height, stucco walls with brick trim, hipped roofs, decorative woodwork of entry, windows with multiple panes;
Interior: Center pavilion space with triple arched opening east and west, brick trim on archways.
- c. Important landscape features: open space at east front creating view to Antelope Creek
- d. Architectural style and date: Spanish Colonial Revival, designed by Fiske & Meginnis of Lincoln, 1921
- e. Additions and modifications: closing of associated pool in 1971 and its eventual removal; removal of pump house ca. 2005

2. **Notice of Work Needing Certificate:**

- A. A Certificate for Certain Work can be granted by the Preservation Commission or, in certain instances, by the Director of Planning. The application for the Certificate consists of submission of description (with accompanying drawings if necessary to explain proposed work) to Planning Department. Submission of an application for building permit to the Building and Safety Department for work needing a preservation certificate can also constitute an application.

The following work proposed to be undertaken on the Landmark requires a Preservation Certificate:

1. Exterior work requiring a Building Permit as defined in the Lincoln Building Code. Before conducting exterior work, check with the City Building and Safety Department to determine whether a Building Permit is necessary;
2. Demolition of a structure or portion of a structure as defined in the Lincoln Building Code;
3. Work involving:
 - a. Any construction east or north of the Pool House and any reduction of the east front yard and parking area;
 - b. Addition of fencing and walls visible from the east;
 - c. Replacement of exterior material and trim or visible roofing materials;
 - d. Cleaning and maintenance of exterior masonry;
 - e. Replacement of doors, storm doors, door frames, windows, storm windows, and screens on the north, east, or south facades;

- f. Addition of awnings on north, east, or south facades;
 - g. Placement of mechanical systems, such as but not limited to, window air conditioners, solar collectors, etc., visible from the east or north sides;
 - h. The addition or replacement of signs;
 - i. Moving structures on or off the site;
 - j. Installation of electrical, utility, and communications services on principal (east) facade;
 - k. Placement of high intensity overhead lighting, antennae, and utility poles within the areas of the east facade.
 - l. Interior modifications to the features listed in l.b. above.
- B. The following work to be conducted on the Landmark does not require the procurement of a Certificate for Certain Work:
 - 1. Changes involving routine maintenance and repair for the general cleaning and upkeep of the building but which include no direct physical change in design or material;
 - 2. Changes involving color and landscaping, except as previously noted;
 - 3. Interior changes involving no exterior alteration.
- C. The penalty upon conviction for conducting work which requires a Certificate for Certain Work without procuring the Certificate or for doing work contrary to an issued Certificate is a fine not to exceed \$100.00. Each and every day that such violation continues after notification may constitute a separate offense. The City of Lincoln may also pursue the remedies of injunction, mandamus, or other appropriate action to correct a violation.

3. Standards for Owner and Preservation Commission:

The following standards serve as a guide to the Landmark property owner in the preservation of their building. It is also intended that these Standards will aid the Commission in making decisions regarding issuance or denial of a Certificate.

When a decision on issuing or denying a Certificate is requested, the more definitive the presentation by the applicant, the easier it will be for the applicant to convey and for Commissioners to comprehend the effect of the proposed change. The owner or representative should plan to attend the public hearing to discuss the proposed work. When an application is being reviewed, it will be the responsibility of the applicant to demonstrate that the new work is compatible with these Standards.

A strict interpretation of these guidelines may be waived by the Preservation Commission if the applicant develops a design solution which meets the spirit and intent of the Historic Preservation Ordinance. In addition, although the owner of the landmark must receive Certificates for work identified above, a broader interpretation of the Guidelines for this property may be allowed by the Preservation Commission.

4. Transfer of Property:

These standards apply to the Landmark property, whoever is the owner. In the event that the City of Lincoln (the owner at the time of designation) contemplates transfer of the property to a subsequent owner, the City shall make a good faith effort to consult with the Nebraska State Historic Preservation Officer prior to the transfer on measures to further safeguard the Landmark property.

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(Based on the Secretary of the Interior's Standards for Rehabilitation
and Guidelines for Rehabilitating Historic Buildings)

1. Every reasonable effort shall be made to provide a compatible use for a property which requires minimal alteration of the building, structure, or site and its environment, or to use a property for its originally intended purpose.
2. The distinguishing original qualities or character of a building, structure, or site and its environment shall not be destroyed. The removal or alteration of any historic material or distinctive architectural features should be avoided when possible.
[Note: As designed and built, the Pool House framed the west end of Municipal Pool; views to the Pool House were unobstructed across the plain of the pool. While the pool is gone, the open space between the Muny Building and Antelope Creek to the east is and should remain unobstructed by structures or major landscape features.]
3. All buildings, structures, and sites shall be recognized as products of their own time. Alterations that have no historical basis and which seek to create an earlier appearance shall be discouraged.
4. Changes which may have taken place in the course of time are evidence of the history and development of a building, structure, or site and its environment. These changes may have acquired significance in their own right, and this significance shall be recognized and respected.
5. Distinctive stylistic features or examples of skilled craftsmanship which characterize a building, structure, or site shall be treated with sensitivity.
6. Deteriorated architectural features shall be repaired rather than replaced, wherever possible. In the event replacement is necessary, the new material should match the material being replaced in composition, design, color, texture, and other visual qualities. Repair or replacement of missing architectural features should be physical, based on accurate duplications of features, substantiated by historic, physical, or pictorial evidence rather than on conjectural designs or the availability of different architectural elements from other buildings or structures.
7. The surface cleaning of structures shall be undertaken with the gentlest means possible. Sandblasting and other cleaning methods that will damage the historic material shall not be undertaken.
8. Every reasonable effort shall be made to protect and preserve archeological resources affected by, or adjacent to any project.
9. Contemporary design for alterations and additions to existing properties shall not be discouraged when such alterations and additions do not destroy significant historical, architectural or cultural material, and such design is compatible with the size, scale, color, material, and character of the property, neighborhood or environment.
[Note: Any additions to Muny Building shall be confined to areas that do not intrude upon the east facade of the building.]
10. Wherever possible, new additions or alterations to structures shall be done in such a manner that if such additions or alterations were to be removed in the future the essential form and integrity of the structure would be unimpaired.

GUIDELINES FOR APPLYING THE SECRETARY OF THE INTERIOR'S
STANDARDS FOR REHABILITATION

THE ENVIRONMENT

Recommended

Retaining distinctive features such as the size, scale, mass, color, and materials of buildings, including roofs, porches, and stairways that give a neighborhood its distinguishing character.

Retaining landscape features such as parks, gardens, street lights, signs, benches, walkways, streets, alleys and building set-backs that have traditionally linked buildings to their environment. *[Note: The open space east of Muny Building is an essential landscape feature.]*

Using new plant materials, fencing, walkways, street lights, signs and benches that are compatible with the character of the neighborhood in size, scale, material and color.

Not Recommended

Introducing new construction into neighborhoods that is incompatible with the character of the district because of size, scale, color, and materials.

Destroying the relationship of buildings and their environment by widening existing streets, changing paving material, or by introducing inappropriately located new streets and parking lots that are incompatible with the character of the neighborhood.

Introducing signs, street lighting, benches, new plant materials, fencing, walkways and paving materials that are out of scale or inappropriate to the neighborhood.

BUILDING SITE

Recommended

Identifying plants, trees, fencing, walkways, outbuildings, and other elements that might be an important part of the property's history and development.

Retaining plants, trees, fencing, walkways, street lights, signs, and benches that reflect the property's history and development.

Not Recommended

Making changes to the appearance of the site by removing old plants, trees, fencing, walkways, outbuildings, and other elements before evaluating their importance in the property's history and development.

BUILDING SITE ----- continued

| <u>Recommended</u> | <u>Not recommended</u> |
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| Basing decisions for new site work on actual knowledge of the past appearance of the property found in photographs, drawings, newspapers, and tax records. If changes are made, they should be carefully evaluated in light of the past appearance of the site. | Leaving plant materials and trees in close proximity to the building that may be causing deterioration of the historic fabric. |
| Providing proper site and roof drainage to assure that water does not splash against building or foundation walls, nor drain toward the building. | |

BUILDING: STRUCTURAL SYSTEMS

| <u>Recommended</u> | <u>Not Recommended</u> |
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| Recognizing the special problems inherent in the structural systems of historic buildings, especially where there are visible signs of cracking, deflection, or failure. | Disturbing existing foundations with new excavations that undermine the structural stability of the building. |
| Undertaking stabilization and repair of weakened structural members and systems. | Leaving known structural problems untreated that will cause continuing deterioration and will shorten the life of the structure. |
| Replacing historically important structural members only when necessary. Supplementing existing structural systems when damaged or inadequate. | |

BUILDING: EXTERIOR FEATURES

Masonry: Adobe, brick, stone, terra cotta, concrete, stucco and mortar*

| <u>Recommended</u> | <u>Not Recommended</u> |
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| Retaining original masonry and mortar, whenever possible, without the application of any surface treatment. | Applying waterproof or water repellent coatings or surface consolidation treatments unless required to solve a specific technical problem that has been studied and identified. Coatings are frequently unnecessary, expensive, and can accelerate deterioration of the masonry. |

Masonry: Adobe, brick, stone, terra cotta, concrete, stucco and mortar ----- Continued

Repointing only those mortar joints where there is evidence of moisture problems or when sufficient mortar is missing to allow water to stand in the mortar joint.

Duplicating old mortar in composition, color and texture.

Duplicating old mortar in joint size, method of application, and joint profile.

Repairing stucco with a stucco mixture that duplicates the original as closely as possible in appearance and texture.

Cleaning masonry only when necessary to halt deterioration or to remove graffiti and stains and always with the gentlest method possible, such as low pressure water and soft natural bristle brushes.

Repairing or replacing, where necessary, deteriorated material with new material that duplicates the old as closely as possible.

Replacing missing significant architectural features, such as cornices, brackets, railings, and shutters.

Retaining the original or early color and texture of masonry surfaces, including early signage wherever possible. Brick or stone surfaces may have been painted or whitewashed for practical and aesthetic reasons.

Repointing mortar joints that do not need repointing. Using electric saws and hammers to remove mortar can seriously damage the adjacent brick.

Repointing with mortar of high Portland cement content can often create a bond that is stronger than the building material. This can cause deterioration as a result of the differing coefficient of expansion and the differing porosity of the material and the mortar.

Repointing with mortar joints of a differing size or joint profile, texture or color.

Sandblasting, including dry and wet grit and other abrasives, brick or stone surfaces; this method of cleaning erodes the surface of the material and accelerates deterioration. Using chemical cleaning products that would have an adverse chemical reaction with the masonry materials, i.e., acid on limestone or marble.

Applying new material which is inappropriate or was unavailable when the building was constructed, such as artificial brick siding, artificial cast stone or brick veneer.

Removing architectural features such as cornices, brackets, railings, shutters, window architraves and doorway pediments.

Removing paint from masonry surfaces indiscriminately. This may subject the building to damage and change its appearance.

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*For more information consult Preservation Briefs: 1: "The Cleaning and Waterproof Coating of Masonry Buildings" and Preservation Briefs: 2: "Repointing Mortar Joints in Historic Brick Buildings." Both are available from Technical Preservation Services Division, Heritage Conservation and Recreation Service, U. S. Department of the Interior, Washington, D.C. 20240

Wood: Clapboard, weatherboard, shingles and other wooden siding

Recommended

Retaining and preserving significant architectural features, whenever possible.

Repairing or replacing, where necessary, deteriorated material that duplicates in size, shape and texture the old as closely as possible.

Not Recommended

Removing architectural features such as siding, cornices, brackets, window architraves, and doorway pediments. These are, in most cases, an essential part of a building's character and appearance that illustrates the continuity of growth and change.

Resurfacing frame buildings with new material that is inappropriate or was unavailable when the building was constructed such as artificial stone, brick veneer, asbestos or asphalt shingles, and plastic or aluminum siding. Such material can also contribute to the deterioration of the structure from moisture and insects.

Architectural Metals: Cast iron, steel, pressed tin, aluminum, zinc

Recommended

Retaining original material, whenever possible.

Cleaning when necessary with the appropriate method. Metals should be cleaned by methods that do not abrade the surface.

Not Recommended

Removing architectural features that are an essential part of a building's character and appearance, illustrating the continuity of growth and change.

Exposing metals which were intended to be protected from the environment. Do not use cleaning methods which alter the color, texture, and tone of the metal.

Roofs and Roofing

Recommended

Preserving the original roof shape.

Retaining the original roofing material, whenever possible.

Providing adequate roof drainage and insuring that the roofing materials provide a weather-tight covering for the structure.

Replacing deteriorated roof coverings with new material that matches the old in composition, size, shape, color, and texture.

Preserving or replacing, where necessary, all architectural features that give the roof its essential character, such as dormer windows, cupolas, cornices, brackets, chimneys, cresting, and weather vanes.

Not Recommended

Changing the essential character of the roof by adding inappropriate features such as dormer windows, vents, or skylights.

Applying new roofing material that is inappropriate to the style and period of the building and neighborhood.

Replacing deteriorated roof coverings with new materials that differ to such an extent from the old in composition, size, shape, color, and texture that the appearance of the building is altered.

Stripping the roof of architectural features important to its character.

Windows and Doors

Recommended

Retaining and repairing existing window and door openings including window sash, glass, lintels, sills, architraves, shutters, doors, pediments, hoods, steps, and all hardware

Not Recommended

Introducing new window and door openings into the principal elevations, or enlarging or reducing window or door openings to fit new stock window sash or new stock door sizes.

Windows and Doors ----- Continued

Duplicating the material, design, and the hardware of the older window sash and doors if new sash and doors are used.

Altering the size of window panes or sash. Such changes destroy the scale and proportion of the building.

Installing visually unobtrusive storm windows and doors, where needed, that do not damage existing frames and that can be removed in the future.

Installing inappropriate new window or door features such as aluminum storm and screen window insulating glass combinations that require the removal of original windows and doors.

Using original doors and door hardware when they can be repaired and reused in place.

Installing plastic, canvas, or metal strip awnings or fake shutters that detract from the character and appearance of the building.

Discarding original doors and door hardware when they can be repaired and reused in place.

Entrances, Porches, and Steps

Recommended

Retaining porches and steps that are appropriate to the building and its development. Porches or additions reflecting later architectural styles are often important to the building's historical integrity and, wherever possible, should be retained.

Repairing or replacing, where necessary, deteriorated architectural features of wood, iron, cast iron, terra cotta, tile, and brick.

Not Recommended

Removing or altering porches and steps that are appropriate to the building's development and style.

Stripping porches and steps of original material and architectural features, such as handrails, balusters, columns, brackets, and roof decoration of wood, iron, cast iron, terra cotta, tile and brick.

Enclosing porches and steps in a manner that destroys their intended appearance.

Exterior Finishes

Recommended

Discovering the historic paint colors and finishes of the structure and repainting with those colors to illustrate the distinctive character of the property.

Not Recommended

Removing paint and finishes down to the bare surface; strong paint strippers whether chemical or mechanical can permanently damage the surface. Also, stripping obliterates evidence of the historical paint finishes.

Repainting with colors that cannot be documented through research and investigation to be appropriate to the building and neighborhood.

NEW CONSTRUCTION

Recommended

Keeping new additions and adjacent new construction to a minimum, making them compatible in scale, building materials, and texture.

Designing new work to be compatible in materials, size, scale, color, and texture with the earlier building and the neighborhood.

Using contemporary designs compatible with the character and mood of the building or the neighborhood.

Not Recommended

[Note: Additions or new construction east of the Muny Building shall not be undertaken.]

Designing new work which is incompatible with the earlier building and the neighborhood in materials, size, scale, and texture.

Imitating an earlier style or period of architecture in new additions, except in rare cases where a contemporary design would detract from the architectural unity of an ensemble or group. Especially avoid imitating an earlier style of architecture in new additions that have a completely contemporary function such as a drive-in bank or garage.

Adding new height to the building that changes the scale and character of the building. Additions in height should not be visible when viewing the principal facades.

Adding new floors or removing existing floors that destroy important architectural details, features and spaces of the building.

Protecting architectural details and features that contribute to the character of the building.

Placing television antennas and mechanical equipment, such as air conditioners, in an inconspicuous location.

Placing television antennas and mechanical equipment, such as air conditioners where they can be seen from the east.

MECHANICAL SYSTEMS: Heating and Air Conditioning, Electrical, Plumbing, Fire Protection

Recommended

Installing necessary mechanical systems in areas and spaces that will require the least possible alteration to the structural integrity and physical appearance of the building.

Utilizing early mechanical systems, including plumbing and early lighting fixtures, where possible.

Installing the vertical runs of ducts, pipes, and cables in closets, service rooms, and wall cavities.

Insuring adequate ventilation of attics, crawlspaces, and cellars to prevent moisture problems.

Installing thermal insulation in attics and in unheated cellars and crawlspaces to conserve energy.

Not Recommended

Causing unnecessary damage to the plan, materials, and appearance of the building when installing mechanical system.

Attaching exterior electrical and telephone cables to the principal elevations of the building.

Installing the vertical runs of ducts, pipes, and cables in places where they will be a visual intrusion.

Concealing or "making invisible" mechanical equipment in historic walls or ceilings. Frequently this concealment requires the removal of historic fabric.

Installing "dropped" acoustical ceilings to hide mechanical equipment. This destroys the proportions and character of the rooms.

Installing foam, glass fiber, or cellulose insulation into wall cavities of either wooden or masonry construction. This has been found to cause moisture problems when there is no adequate moisture barrier.